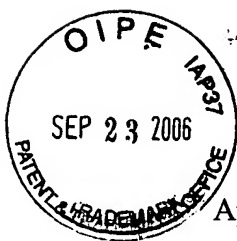


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**PETITION TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM FOR
THE BENEFIT OF A PRIOR-FILED APPLICATION**

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a) for the Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy to accept an unintentionally delayed claim for the benefit of a prior-filed application.

A benefit claim to the parent application was initially presented in the declaration filed along with the above-identified application on November 26, 2003. However, this benefit claim was not set forth in either an application data sheet or in the first sentence of the specification within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a). Accordingly, this petition is being filed to add the benefit claim at this time. The entire delay between the date that the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a) expired and the date that this claim is being filed was unintentional.

Accompanying this petition, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a) is (1) an amendment to the specification of the present application, such that the first sentence after the title sets forth the benefit claim; (2) the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t); and

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(3) the statement, set forth above, that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of this section and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

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AMENDMENTS*In the Specification*

On page 2, before the header “Technical Field”, please insert the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/436,354, entitled “Method and System of Providing Periodic Replication,” filed on May 12, 2003 and naming Anand A. Kekre; Ronald S. Karr; John A. Colgrove; Kedar M. Karmarkar; Raghu Krishnamurthy; Saurabh R. Godbole; Ming Xu; Vikas K. Gupta; and Deepak Tawri as inventors.



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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (1 page) (in duplicate); and
- (3) Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Claim for the Benefit of a Prior-Filed Application (3 pages)



No additional fee is required.



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